

2019 STAR LAKE TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

CALL to ORDER. The March 12th, 2019 Annual Meeting was called to order by the Clerk, Jeff Michaelson at 8:15 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

NOMINATION OF MODERATOR. The first order of business was to nominate a moderator. Motion by Keith Aune, 2nd by Richard Kagan nominating Lee Mindemann as meeting Moderator. Motion carried.

BOARD OF CANVAAS. Results were provided by Clerk, Jeff Michaelson. Keith Aune was elected as Supervisor for a 3 year term (2019-22) with 12 votes being cast.

READING OF 2018 MINUTES. A motion to approve minutes as submitted by Keith Aune, 2nd by Tammy Ziegler. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT. A synopsis of the financial standing was given by the Clerk, Jeff Michaelson. A recap of previous four-year financials was distributed and reviewed. A complete listing of all cash receipts and disbursements for 2018 are displayed on the town bulletin board. A motion to approve the financials as submitted was made by Keith Aune, 2nd by Tammy Ziegler. Motion carried.

ROAD REPORT. See attached 2018 Road Report. The 2019 Road Report will be completed after the spring thaw and will be included in the 2020 Annual Meeting.

HOSPITAL DISTRICT REPORT. Hospital Representative Alana VanWatermullen was unable to attend due to illness so no report was given.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS. Lee M. commented on a variety of current topics – see attached. -

SETTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING LEVY. A motion made by Richard Kagan and 2nd by Tammy Ziegler to approve the current levy at \$173,200 for the 2019 fiscal year was unanimously approved. Motion carried

Levy to be allocated as follows;

>Road and Bridges-\$107,267

>General Government-\$53,633

>Fire Protection-12,300

CONTRACT FOR HEALTH, SOCIAL, OR RECREATIONAL SERVICES (MN Stat. 365.10, subd. 14). A Motion to authorize Supervisors to contract with non-profits in an aggregate amount not to exceed a total of \$1000 for Health, Social or Recreational Services for the well-being of township residents was presented by Keith Aune, 2ND by Tammy Ziegler. Motion carried.

MOTION to set DATE, TIME and LOCATION for next ANNUAL MEETING. Tammy Ziegler moved that the next Annual Meeting be held on March 10, 2020 at the Star Lake Township Hall, beginning at 8:15 P.M., motion was 2nd by Keith Aune. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

-Richard Kagan inquired as to what, if any, communications have been made with the White Earth Nation relative to proposed Star Lake Casino project. Mr. Kagan suggested that perhaps some action by the SLT Board may be in order to help foster good will going forward. No specific action was suggested or decided upon.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Keith Aune, 2nd by Richard Kagan. Motion carried.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:50P.M..

SLT Board Chairman comments for 2019 SLT Annual Town Meeting

1. **WELCOME & THANKS** –
 - a. SLT voters & tax payers,
 - b. SLT Clerk & Treasurer – Election Judges: Ron Gilbertson, Mary Pfeffer, & Alma Ronningen, and SLT Staff of Terry Johnson, Jim Piper, and Mike Sundblad,
 - c. 3/6/19 Pelican Rapids Press recognition of Tammy Ziegler as 1st female Supervisor in SLT,
 - d. Resignation of Ray Harthun due to health concerns,
2. **SHOOTING STAR CASINO** –
 - a. The casino project as proposed in fall of 2015 is now defunct,
 - b. WEN still owns the fee land acquired which remains under MN/OTC jurisdiction,
3. **OTC PLANS/MEETINGS** –
 - a. **Sanitation Code Changes/Revisions** (Septic Systems) Public Hearing on 3/12/19 at 2PM in Fergus Falls. New code essentially brings it IAW MN Code. *A Public Information Meeting on this to be held at Thumper Pond on 6/8/19 from 10 to Noon.*
 - b. **Long Range Strategic Plan** – *Public meeting on 3/13/19 from 5:30 to 7PM at the Perham PACC.*
 - c. **Update to OTC 2040 Transportation Plan** includes \$21.4MM in projects for 2019.
 - d. **OTC Ditch 23** Maintenance & Use Fund s/b complete in 2019 with \$50K assessed. At this time there is no plan to repair this ditch. See SLT website for detailed information.
4. **MAT (Mn Assoc of Twps) LOBBY DAY 2/19/19.** LM attended with 22 other Twp Officers from District 9.
 - a. Met with 7 different legislators,
 - b. MAT Legislative Objectives for 2019,
 - i. **Increased Road & Bridge Funding** – (MN Twp=52% of all roads yet get 2% of R&B funding) 20 cent gas tax proposed by Walz,
 - ii. **Improved Broadband** access to underserved & unserved rural areas,
 - iii. An Orderly Annexation Process – not a SLT issue,
 - iv. Improved election security – not a SLT issue,
 - c. MAT/MATIT (Mn Assoc of Twps. & Insurance Trust) –
 - i. SLT a dues-paying member,
 - ii. Provides full insurance coverage including O&E for Board,
 - iii. Provides on-going training & education for your Board,

